

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 24-28, as amended, are pending in this application. In this Response, Applicant has amended certain claims. In light of the Office Action, Applicant believes these amendments serve a useful clarification purpose, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

In particular, independent claims 1, 12, and 24 have been amended to further clarify the embodiments of the present invention. As now new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-18 and 24-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,342,054 to Chang *et al.* (“Chang”), U.S. Patent No. 5,372,365 to McTeigue *et al.* (“McTeigue”), U.S. Patent No. 4,451,043 to Ogawa *et al.* (“Ogawa”), U.S. Patent No. 5,447,314 to Yamazaki *et al.* (“Yamazaki”), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,637 to Nesbit *et al.* (“Nesbit”) for the reasons set forth on pages 2-8 of the Office Action.

Typical triggering systems only work for right handed golfer, because the triggering system requires an object to move across one or more sensors in a predetermined direction in order to register the movement. In contrast, as shown above, Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, and 24 to clarify that one aspect of the present invention may be used for both right and left handed golfers. Written Description at Page 4, line 26 – Page 5, line 2. Neither Chang, McTeigue, Nesbit, Ogawa, nor Yamazaki teach or disclose such a feature.

In sum, Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 1, 12, and 24 overcome the Examiner’s § 103 rejection. As such, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any issues pertaining to the patentability of the pending claims. No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any other fees be required, however, please charge such fee to Hanify & King, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-4545, Order No. 5222-017-US01.

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